

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. **09/771,700**  
Amendment dated April 29, 2004  
Reply to OA of **February 9, 2004**

**REMARKS**

Claims 5-14 are now pending in this application. Claims 6, 9 and 10 have been allowed.

The Examiner states that the phrase "functional resin composition is a filament or secondary products from the filament" on the top of Page 5 should be deleted. Applicants have deleted this phrase, in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestion. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of this claim objections are respectfully requested.

Claims 5, 7, 8, and 11-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Okamoto et al. (U.S. 6,156,817) in view of Cochran II, et al. (U.S. 6,211,500 B1).

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application was filed based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-25730 filed in Japan on February 2, 2000. A verified translation of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-25730 are enclosed herewith.

On the contrary, Okamoto '817 issued on December 5, 2000 and Cochran, II '500 issued on April 3, 2001. Accordingly, this rejection can be overcome by submitting the verified translation of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-25730.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

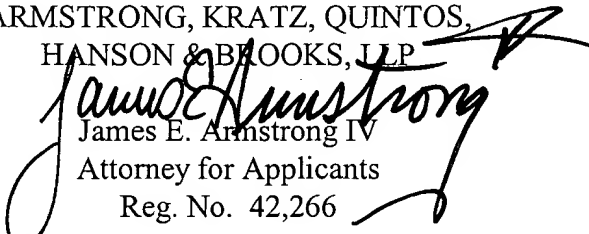
If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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Enclosures: Verification of a Translation  
Verified Translation of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-25730

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